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Sir:

Reference is made to the Consulate General's confidential letter of February 21, 1947 regarding the investigation at Barcelona of the possible Safehaven aspects of a proffered sale of 275,000 blankets reputed to be of German origin.

The full name and address of the person referred to in the Legation's telegram of February 12, 1947 is:

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Ezequiel MORENO Santiago,
Rambla Canaletas No. 9,
Barcelona. *indeed.*

He is the commercial representative of Otto GRUGER, alias KRUGER, born at Koenigsberg, East Prussia, now bearing a forged Uruguayan passport, and who was a German-British double agent during the war (Eval. A-1). Gruger learned that the possible German ownership of the blankets was under investigation, and immediately wrote Moreno for details. Moreno replied with a letter, enclosure dated February 20, 1947, from Limitada Ozyr, Calle Sagasta No. 4, Madrid to Diego de DUENAS, Claudio Coello, No. 113, Madrid, stating that to the best of their knowledge the blankets had been manufactured for UNRRA in 1946.

In view of the fact that a woman in Tangier has categorically stated that she was told by Moreno, on his visit here in January, that the blankets belonged to Germans in Spain who needed liquid funds, it would appear wise to continue this investigation.

Reference is also made to Madrid Embassy confidential Airgram Dated March 12, 1947 regarding this matter. It is the belief of this Legation after investigation here that the 77,500 blankets being offered by AAC are not of the same lot as the 275,000 previously offered here to Gruger at 80 pesetas each.

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